

Johnson County.

At a meeting of the democrats of Johnson county Ind., held at the court house in Franklin, on the 25th of December, 1847; on motion, Dr. James Ritchey was called to the Chair, and M. M. Crow appointed Secretary. The Chair being called upon, then explained the object of the meeting.

On motion of J. F. Peggs, a committee was appointed for the purpose of drafting resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting; which committee consisted of the following gentlemen: Dr. J. F. Peggs, Capt. J. Slatier, T. J. Mitchell, A. Jacobs, and I. Roberts.

The committee retired for a short time and by their chairman (J. F. Peggs) reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the democratic party of Johnson county have entire confidence in the present Administration; that we fully approve of its policy, and that we approve of the war against Mexico, and are in favor of a vigorous prosecution of hostilities until we obtain an honorable peace with that country for the past and security for the future, from that government.

Resolved, that the shabby and patriotic displayed by the President of the United States in prosecuting the war against Mexico, fully meets the approbation of this meeting, and highly deserves the regard and esteem of this nation.

Resolved, that it is the solemn and candid belief of this meeting that the war with Mexico was caused by her own conduct alone, and is against the will of our Chief Magistrate, and that it is a war of defence, so far as the United States are concerned.

Resolved, that we dissent with sorrow and contempt against the late speech, delivered by "The Old Harry of the West," at Lexington Ky., and that so far as patriotic is concerned, we see no difference between the tone of that speech and that of Senator Clay.

Resolved, that we consider both these distinguished personages in a high place. While we see the former calling upon Abolitionism, Roman Catholicism, and all kinds of isms for help, we actually see the latter calling upon Gen. Scott and Gen. Taylor for help—those who have whumped him all over Mexico.

Resolved, that those speakers and editors of newspapers who war with Mexico against their own country deserve the contempt and scorn of their fellow citizens; and that it is the opinion of this meeting that such men have been the great cause of the war being protracted even to this time.

Resolved, that we consider it right to hold a Democratic National Convention, for the purpose of nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States; and that we will use all our energies in support of the nomination of whom they may; and that our motto shall be—*"United we stand."*

Resolved, that we are in favor of holding said Democratic Convention in the 3d Monday in May, 1848, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Resolved, that we are in favor of holding a Democratic State Convention in the city of Indianapolis on the 8th day of January next, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the National Convention; and whereas, the President and the Administration are as yet upon that subject by the opposite political party, therefore,

Resolved, that, in the opinion of this Convention, it is the duty of every American citizen to give zealous support to the Administration in conducting the Mexican war with vigor, believing that in that way a more speedy peace will be obtained than by pursuing a different course.

Resolved, that we have every confidence in our present Chief Magistrate. Under his administration the vexed questions of the Oregon boundary and the finance—including that of the tariff and national bank—have been happily settled.

Resolved, that the President and his cabinet, in their unceasing efforts (by all honorable means) to avoid a war with the ill-governed republic of Mexico—as well as in their prompt return of blow for blow, when the conflict was by her wantonly commenced—have won the gratitude of the American people, and the admiration of the civilized world.

Resolved, that, we heartily concur in the following just remarks, made by Mr. Clay in his late speech at Lexington, Ky., when speaking of our last war with England, he says: "War being deliberately and constitutionally declared, it was, I think, the duty of the federal party to have given it their hearty co-operation. But the mass of the people before their eyes; but being instigated by the love of power and spoils, are crafty, subtil, and falsely endeavoring to amass political capital for the next presidential election, to become the present administration, and predominant in our country, and to be enabled to prosecute an unholy and unjust war; that the blood of our citizens who have fallen by the merciless spear of the Mexican is crying aloud to heaven for vengeance upon our country; that the brilliancy of the victories won by the daring and dauntless courage of our soldiers, is obscured by the unholiness of our cause; but that the star spangled banner which once waved 'over the land of the free' has now become a mere flag of infamy over the victorious armies of tygers and bandits."

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Resolved, that we have full confidence in the ability and the principles of the State Sentinel in defending the principles of the democratic party, and that the thanks of the democracy of Indiana are due them for their untiring energy in discussing their principles, especially since 1840.

Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and a copy of them be sent to the Franklin Examiner and the State Sentinel for publication, and that Mr. Goffell Glass, Esq. of Indianapolis, be requested to speak at the State Convention, to apprise delegates of the same.

On motion of Mr. John Shock, the resolutions were adopted as a whole, unanimously.

On motion, it was resolved to select and send eight delegates from each township in the county to the Democratic State Convention at Indianapolis on the 8th of January next.

Resolved, that the proceedings of this meeting be adjourned, the meeting adjourned.

**JEPHTHA GARRIGUS, President,
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Park County.

According to previous notice the Democrats from the several townships met at the Court house in the town of Rockville, on Monday the 12th instant, for the purpose of electing Delegates to represent them at the State Convention at Indianapolis, on the 8th of January next, &c.

On motion of Joseph A. Wright, Col. JEPHTHA GARRIGUS was appointed President and Mr. Shook Vice President; and on motion of Matthew Noel, C. F. Rooks was appointed Secretary.

On motion of M. Noel, Esq., a committee of four was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the meeting, consisting of M. Noel, Jas. A. Wright, Joseph Durand and J. J. Meacham. And on motion of Joseph A. Wright, Delegates from each township were elected to attend the above mentioned Convention on the 8th of January next, as follows, town to town:

Adams Township—Addison L. Roache, Joseph B. Carson, Joseph A. Wright, Gabriel Hougham, Washington, Acton.

Troy—Tobias Miller, Thomas Brookbanks, Dr. John Jackson, S. B. Garrigus Eli Fleming, Samuel Cox, Washington—Wesley Watson, Colonel John Oldsbury, Merritt McNeister.

Sugar Creek—J. L. Gehart, Jno. Summers, Samuel Mooseover.

Union—John Bullion, Wesley Marman, James Bullock.

Liberty—Duct. R. L. Gilkeson, Thomas Burton, Joseph Shirke.

Green—John Vincent, Ramon Reddish, Dr. R. S. Hamilton.

Wabash—Thomas Cooper, Doct. Thorpe, Wm. Kilkenny.

Reserve—William Timbrook, Cyrus Garrigus, Jonathan Hougham.

Florida—Wm. L. Newcomer, Jas. W. Shields, Nathan Shook.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions reported the following which were unanimously adopted, to wit:

We hold that the perpetuity of our free institutions and republican form of government depends upon the triumph of the Democratic party; and in order to secure such triumph, it is necessary for the democratic party to unite in the support of such men as will zealously support and sustain the principles of the party; and WHEREAS, a convention of the delegates from the several counties, in the State, is to be held at Indianapolis on the 8th of January next, for the purpose of selecting Electors for the canvass of 1848, and for the appointment of delegates to attend the National Convention; and WHEREAS, the county is involved in a war with Mexico, brought about by the aggressive acts of that government; and WHEREAS, the President and the Administration are as yet upon that subject by the opposite political party, therefore,

Resolved, that the meeting adjourned.

Wabash—Dr. J. S. SHULZE, President.

W. B. BEACH, Secretary.

INDIAN MASSACRE.—We have news from Fort Mann to the 25th of October. It is stated that the American troops at that place invited a number of Pawnee Indians into the Fort, several of whom were killed, and a number wounded, by Col. Gilpin's men. This is a horrid outrage. The Colonel himself was absent when the bloody deed was perpetrated.

It since appears that Captain Feltzer could not understand the Indian language—and from certain indications, especially private conferences of the Indians, he had, as he conceived, reason to believe that their object was to plunder his camp. He gave the order to arrest them. They immediately drew their tomahawks, and used them freely, in making their escape from the Fort. It is possible that the Colonel was mistaken in the designs of the party, but the circumstances, as detailed, afford strong grounds for his suspicions. He might, however, have availed their confirmation, we think, consistent with his own safety. It is an unfortunate affair—but our officers should not be too hastily hurried in regard to it.

Resolved, that the President and his cabinet, in their unceasing efforts (by all honorable means) to avoid a war with the ill-governed republic of Mexico—as well as in their prompt return of blow for blow, when the conflict was by her wantonly commenced—have won the gratitude of the American people, and the admiration of the civilized world.

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Boone County.

LEBANON, Dec. 25, 1847.—At a meeting of the democrats of Boone county, held at Martinsville, on Tuesday the 25th of Dec. 1847, for the purpose of appointing delegates for said county to attend the State Convention, to be held at Indianapolis on the 8th of January next.

On motion of W. G. Quirk, John Eccles, was voted to the chair, and on motion of E. Jackson, R. H. Tarlton was appointed secretary.

On motion of James Jackson, the chair appointed the delegates to said convention from the respective townships, to wit:

Washington township—William Williams, W. G. Quirk, James Jackson, P. M. Parks, M. R. Grutledge, P. M. Copas and John Eccles.

Jackson—Reuben Griffith, Wm. Armstrong, and Daniel Lake.

Green—Adam Flake, James Egbert and George Droke.

Harrison—Jacob Morris, G. W. Sackett, M. Williams.

Madison—Philip Clegg, Daniel Thompson and Andrew McNabb.

Brown—William A. Rooker, Doct. W. Hawk and Dixon Pennington.

Clay—Harmon Lyon, John W. Poe and Moses L. Monroe.

Morgan—Omin Caviness, John McClelland and Jay Stott.

Jefferson—John W. Cox, William H. Stott and John Duxworth.

Greene—John Long, Miles Bratly and Noah Withers.

Adams—Alfred M. Delavan, Allen Wheeler and William Alexander.

Elk—Jacob Sechrist, Asel Hinote and Casper Singe.

Baker—George Miller, John Hodges and Thomas Hodges.

On motion of W. G. Quirk, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that all democrats in attendance at said convention from Morgan county, be considered as delegates, and authorized to participate in the deliberations of said convention.

On motion of James Jackson, **Resolved**, that the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the editor of the *Democrat* for publication.

On motion the meeting adjourned sine die.

JOHN RITCHIEY, Pres.

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On motion the meeting adjourned sine die.